

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to correspondence filed November 29, 2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,7,13,21,22 and 24-32.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
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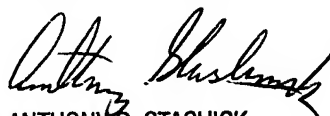
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Craig Redinger on January 21, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

Claim 1, line 8: - - the liner having a collapsed orientation and an uncollapsed orientation, wherein said wall is sufficiently resilient to allow said wall to be folded into said collapsed orientation and of sufficient stiffness to permit said wall to remain substantially upright in said uncollapsed orientation; - - has been inserted after "floor;"

Claim 7, line 7: - - the liner having a collapsed orientation and an uncollapsed orientation, wherein said wall is sufficiently resilient to allow said wall to be folded into said collapsed orientation and of sufficient stiffness to permit said wall to remain substantially upright in said uncollapsed orientation; - - has been inserted after "sleeve;"

Claim 21, line 11: - - wherein the liner has a collapsed orientation and an uncollapsed orientation, wherein said wall is sufficiently resilient to allow said wall to be folded into said collapsed orientation and of sufficient stiffness to permit said wall to

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remain substantially upright in said uncollapsed orientation; - - has been inserted after "impermeable;"

Claims 10, 14 and 23 have been cancelled.

Claims 1, 2, 7, 13, 21, 22 and 24-32 are allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Harry A. Grosso whose telephone number is 571-272-4539. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday from 7am to 4 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Anthony Stashick can be reached on 571-272-4561. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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